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SUBJECT: FRANCO- GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: US/ EUROPEAN
RELATIONS

SUMMARY: DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FONOFF
ASST SECRETARY VAN WELL REVIEWED EXCHANGE ON US/
EUROPEAN RELATIONS WHICH HE HAD HAD MAY 11 DURING
REGULAR BILATERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WITH
PUAUX. VAN WELL SAID THE FRENCH HAD BEEN VERY NEGA-
TIVE CONCERNING KISSINGER' S AP SPEECH, PARTICULARLY
THE US WISH PERCEIVED BY PARIS TO USE " GLOBALISM"
TO FORCE FRENCH CONCESSIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND
MONETARY FIELDS. VAN WELL SAID THE FRENCH ALSO
WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING AN ATLANTIC SUMMIT, BUT DID
NOT SLAM THE DOOR ON THIS SUBJECT. THE GERMANS
PRESENTLY ARE NOT PUSHING THE FRENCH TOO HARD, AWAITING
THE RESULTS OF THE REYKJAVIK SUMMIT AND THE UPCOMING
SET OF MEETINGS BETWEEN FRENCH, BRITISH AND GERMAN
LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE THE GERMANS HAVE MANY QUESTIONS THEMSELVES
CONCERNING THE MEANING OF KISSINGER' S AP SPEECH (SEE
BONN 6964 AND 6690 - LIMDIS - NOTAL), VAN WELL SAID HE
WAS STRUCK BY THE VERY NEGATIVE POSITION ADVANCED
BY PUAUX DURING THE MAY 11 FRANCO- GERMAN POLITICAL
DIRECTORS MEETING. REPEATEDLY CRITICISING " KISSINGER' S
EFFORT TO GLOBALIZE THE ISSUES", PUAUX BEGAN BE
REFERRING TO STATEMENTS OF KISSINGER AND SECRETARY
SCHULTZ TO THE EFFECT THAT THE US EXPECTS TO GAIN MORE
THAN GIVE IN UPCOMING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. PUAUX SAID
MAJOR THRUST OF NEW US POLICY IS USING " GLOBALIZATION"
TO FORCE EUROPEAN CONCESSIONS; HE SAID THIS MUST NOT
BE ACCEPTED BY THE EUROPEANS, AND IN ANY EVENT WOULD
NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FRENCH.

2. VAN WELL SAID HE REPLIED BY TELLING PUAUX THAT PARIS
SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO SUBSTANCE THAN SEMANTICS
IN KISSINGER SPEECH. RECALLING CHANCELLOR BRANDT' S
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MAY 1-2 VISIT TO WASHINGTON, VAN WELL SAID BRANDT GAINED
IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT' S PURPOSE WAS TO GIVE
POLITICAL IMPULSE TO EXPERTS, THUS AFFORDING POLITICAL
GUIDELINES FOR DIFFICULT EAST/ WEST AND WEST/ WEST
NEGOTIATIONS AND " CLEANING THE AIR" PRESENTLY BURDENED
BY SELF- INTERESTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.
VAN WELL TOLD PUAUX THE GERMANS AGREED THAT SUCH A NEW

STIMULOUS WOULD BE NEEDED TO PLACE THE US/ EUROPEAN DIALOGUE IN A LARGER CONTEXT. FOR THIS REASON, THE GERMANS HOPE PARIS COULD SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A SUMMIT LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF THE EC- NINE AT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (SEE BONN 6738 - LIMDIS - NOTAL).

3. PUAUX REPLIED THAT THE FRENCH DID NOT FAVOR SUCH A SUMMIT LEVEL MEETING BUT WERE PREPARED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT. IT WAS THE FRENCH CONCERN, CONTINUED PUAUX, THAT THE MERE PROCEDURE OF SUCH AN EC SUMMIT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WOULD LEAD TO GLOBALIZATION OF THE ISSUES. VAN WELL REPLIED TO PUAUX THAT HE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THIS FRENCH LOGIC SINCE FRANCE FAVORED A " EUROPEAN EUROPE SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE VIS- A- VIS THE US" BUT NOW WAS OPPOSING SUCH A US/ EUROPEAN SUMMIT, IN WHICH EUROPE COULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, OUT OF FEAR THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO GLOBALIZATION.

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4. IN COMMENTING ON THIS FRENCH APPROACH, VAN WELL STRESSED THE " TREMENDOUS CONCEPTUAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS" WHICH FRANCE HAD WITH SIMULTANEOUSLY ADDRESSING ISSUES NORMALLY TREATED SEPARATELY BY THE EC COUNCIL (UNDER THE TREATY OF ROME) OR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PURSUANT TO INTER- GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION). VAN WELL SAID THE GERMANS HAD NO SUCH PROBLEM AND STRONGLY FAVORED INCREASING INTERACTION BETWEEN THE EC AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE TRACKS TOWARD OVERALL EUROPEAN UNIFICATION. VAN WELL SAID SIR ALEC DOUGLAS- HOME HAD BLUNTLY ENDORSED THIS GERMAN POSITION IN HIS MAY 16 TALK WITH SCHEEL; DOUGLAS- HOME SAID " WHO CARES WHETHER IT IS THE TREATY OF ROME OR POLITICAL COOPERATION -- I AM THE FOREIGN MINISTER". BUT WHILE THE FRENCH WERE, ACCORDING TO VAN WELL, READY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT EUROPEAN POSITIONS ON ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, PUAUX INSISTED THAT THESE COORDINATION PROCESSES BE CARRIED OUT IN THE APPROPRIATE JURIDICAL BODIES.

5. VAN WELL STRESSED THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT SO FAR SLAMMED THE DOOR TO AN ATLANTIC SUMMIT AND THAT THERE IS A SLOW BUT INCREASING FRENCH READINESS TO ACCEPT SOME INTERACTION BETWEEN EC AND PC ACTIVITIES (SEPTTEL). FURTHER, PARIS OBVIOUSLY IS BIDDING ITS TIME ON THE US/ EUROPEAN DIALOGUE UNTIL POMPIDOU HAS A CHANCE TO SOUND OUT THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND DR. KISSINGER AT THE UPCOMING REYKJAVIK SUMMIT. WITH JOBERT NOW DUE IN BONN JUNE 12, POMPIDOU MEETING WITH BRANDT AT BONN JUNE 21-22, HEATH AND POMPIDOU MEETING NEXT WEEK IN PARIS, THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 24-25, THE QUARTERLY POLITICAL MINISTERIAL CONVENING IN EARLY

JUNE AND THE NATO MINISTERIAL DUE JUNE 14-15, THE GERMANS ARE ADVISING THEIR EUROPEAN FRIENDS NOT TO PUSH THE FRENCH TOO HARD FOR THE TIME BEING AND TO GIVE THEM TIME TO COME AROUND TO ACCEPTING THE IMPORTANCE OF A US/ EUROPEAN DIALOGUE.

6. IN THIS CONNECTION, VAN WELL MADE THE INTERESTING COMMENT THAT FRENCH DIPLOMACY IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE " ANGLO- SAXON AND NOW GERMAN" APPROACH. WHEREAS THE
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" ANGLO- SAXON/ GERMAN DIPLOMACY" TENDS TO EVOLVE IN A WAY THAT CAN BE DETECTED BY CLOSE OBSERVERS, VAN WELL SAID THE FRENCH TEND TO STICK TO A VERY HARD LINE AND THEN WHEN CHANGES COME, THEY COME SUDDENLY. VAN WELL SAID THIS FRENCH APPROACH WOULD BE EVEN MORE IN EVIDENCE NOW THAT THE EXPERIENCED POLITICIAN SCHUMANN HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE ARCHETYPE PROFESSIONAL BEAUROCRAT JOBERT.
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